GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:234
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IMPROVEMENT IN OPERATION OF TRAINS AND PUNCTUALITY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by the Government of trains so far for improving the operations of trains and ensuring punctuality alongwith the outcome thereof;

(b) the number of trains reaching their destinations on time from January 1, 2002 till date, alongwith the number of trains reaching late;

(c) the reasons for late arrival of trains;

(d) whether the accountability has been fixed for trains arriving late; and

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.234 BY S/SHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI AND SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 6-3-2003 REGARDING IMPROVEMENT IN OPERATION OF TRAINS AND PUNCTUALITY.

(a): The following steps are being taken by Indian Railways to improve operations and the punctuality of passenger carrying trains:

1. Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.

2. Punctuality drives are being conducted from time to time.

3. Running of trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.

4. Improvements in Time tabling to provide a clear path.

5. Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
6. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.

7 Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.

8. Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signalling.

9. To further strengthen the monitoring of punctuality introduction of a Coaching Operations Information System (COIS) has been proposed in the Railway Budget 2003-2004.

As a result, despite constraints punctuality performance of various passenger services has been satisfactory.

(b): The punctuality performance is maintained in terms of the percentage of trains reaching their destination on time, During the year

from January to December 2002, the punmctuality performance achieved was 91.3% for Mail/Express trains, 96.5% for Passenger trains and 93.3% for Suburban trains.

(c): The reasons for late running of trains include various factors which are beyond the control of railways such as miscreant activities, public agitations, Law and Orders problems, bad weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failures. Some trains also lose punctuality on account of reasons attributable to the Railways such as asset failures, accidents, extra time taken for loading and unloading parcels and poor traffic control.

(d) & (e): Responsibility is being fixed against staff, where necessary, for detention to trains. During the period from January to December 2002, 5967 staffs were taken up.